



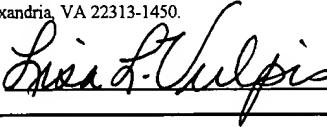
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 20, 2004 in the above-identified application. Claims 1-88 are currently pending in the application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required Applicants to elect one of three different groups of claims identified by the Examiner, namely Group I with claims 1-49 and 77-82, Group II, with claims 50-76 and Group III, with claims 80-88.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement.

Notwithstanding the traversal, Applicants hereby elect Group I, with claims 1-49 and 77-82, for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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